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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to address a very important issue; that of the settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I am asking that you give your support to this agreement, under which Microsoft agreed to give up its intellectual property rights for the interfaces to its Windows operating system, and make it easier for competitors to install non-Microsoft products.

This agreement was reached after three long years. It cost both parties enormous amounts of time and money. Whether or not Microsoft was guilty of unfair business practices and monopolizing the market is a matter of opinion, but Microsoft has made a good faith effort to accede to the demands of the Department of Justice, agreeing to terms that extend far beyond the products and procedures that were at issue in the original lawsuit. Microsoft even agreed to have a three-person technical committee review its actions for compliance with the settlement. Who else would do that? Any further action would be counter-productive.

I urge you not to allow small minds to derail this decision off the fast track. There will always be those who do not accept any sort of compromise, wanting only to destroy, instead of build. Give your support to this agreement. Thank you.

Sincerely,



David Haslam